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16. SUMMARY: (U) THIS IR FORWARDS INFORMATION ON AN ARMY STAFF BRIEFING ON TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA.
22. DETAILS: 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ BETWEEN 20-22 APRIL, THE ARGENTINE ARMY HOSTED A CONFERENCE FOR CORPS DEPUTY COMMANDERS, BRIGADE COMMANDERS, AND THE G-2S/G-3S OF THE CORPS AND BRIGADES. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN. FOURTEEN GENERALS, TWENTY-FIVE COLONELS AND TEN LIEUTENANT COLONELS WERE IN ATTENDANCE. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, BG MONTES, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS BY THE G-1, BG WARCKMEISTER, THE G-2, BG VALIN, THE G-3, BG NICOLAIDES, THE G-4, BG GALLINO, THE G-5, COL WEHNER, AND SEVERAL OTHER SPECIAL STAFF OFFICERS. MILITARY INSTITUTES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFORENCE BY THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, BG BUSSI. THE ARMY STAFF AND COMMANDERS PREVIEWED A 35 MINUTE DOCUMENTARY FILM ON SUBVERSION ENTITLED "GANAMOS LA PAZ." THE FILM, WHICH COVERS THE HISTORY OF SUBVERSION IN ARGENTINA, WAS CRITIQUED BY THE GROUP. REQUIRED CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED PRIOR TO NATIONWIDE DISSEMINATION LATER THIS YEAR.
2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE ARMY G-2 AND HIS STAFF PROVIDED THE PRINCIPAL BRIEFING WHICH WAS A CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE TERRORIST SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. ACCORDING TO THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS BETWEEN 70 AND 98 PERCENT (DEPENDING ON THE GROUP AND AREA OF OPERATION) OF THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THE ERP IS ALMOST A NON-ENTITY, ALTHOUGH IT STILL HAS A FEW EFFECTIVES. TWO OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, "PARTIDO COMUNISTA LENINISTA ARGENTINA" (OCLA) AND THE "ORGANIZACION COMUNISTA DE PARTIDO OBRERO" (OCPO) ARE STILL ACTIVE, BUT HAVE VERY LIMITED CAPABILITY. THE BIGGEST THREAT CONTINUES TO BE THE MONTONEROS. ALTHOUGH THE MONTONERO CAPABILITY HAS BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY IN RECENT MONTHS, THE ARMY STILL BELIEVES THAT IT HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT BOMBINGS, ASSASSINATIONS AND ATTACKS ON SOFE TARGETS. THE G-2 CONCLUDED HIS PRESENTATION BY INFORMING THE GROUP THAT THE ARMY RECENTLY UNCOVERED A TERRORIST MUNITIONS FACTORY IN TIGRE, A SUBURB OF BUENOS AIRES. THE SUBVERSIVES WERE MAKING BOMBS USING BABY BOTTLES, AND ALSO A BOMB DETONATED BY A WASHING MACHINE TIMING DEVICE. THEY ALSO HAD PRODUCED 1,000

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KILOS OF PLASTIQUE EXPLOSIVE, 200 KILOS OF WHICH WERE CAPTURED. DOCUMENTS REVEALED 600 KILOS HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO BRAZIL AND ANOTHER 200 KILOS REMAIN MISSING.
COMMENT: (C) THE ARMY PERIODICALLY HOLDS CONFERENCES OF THIS TYPE FOR ITS GENERAL OFFICERS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST REPORT OF ONE BEING HELD FOR ALL BRIGADE COMMANDERS AND THEIR G-2/G-3 STAFF OFFICERS. FROM THE TONE OF THE CONFERENCE IT APPEARS THAT THE ARMY FEELS IT IS INCONTROL OF THE TERRORIST SITUATION. NONETHELESS, THE HIGH COMMAND CONTINUES TO PERCEIVE A THREAT AND WILL NOT ALLOW THE ARMY TO LOWER ITS GUARD.
THIS MESSAGE COORD W/AMEMBASSY. ~~GDS DEC 84.~~
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